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The information disclosure statement, originally filed August 8, 2003, was inadvertently omitted for consideration during prosecution of the instant case despite Applicant's filing it in a timely manner. In response to Applicant's petition filed mostly recently on September 12, 2005, the Examiner has considered the references as noted on the attached copy. Patentability of the allowed claims is unaffected, and the previous Notice of Allowance remains.

  
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